

217395US-25 CIP

#13/C
8.20.03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

ERNESTO E. BLANCO

: GROUP ART UNIT: 3763

SERIAL NO: 10/092,560

: EXAMINER: UNASSIGNED

FILED: March 8, 2002

FOR: SAFETY TROCAR WITH
PROGRESSIVE CUTTING TIP
GUARDS AND GAS JET TISSUE
DEFLECTOR

3K
THSS
L3

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits and supplemental to the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed December 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 10, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 10, with the following:

C,
Referring now to the drawings, wherein like reference numerals designate identical or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and more particularly to FIG. 1 thereof, wherein a cannula 2 is firmly attached to a distal section of a handle which is formed from two segments, the distal one 6 externally containing gripping horns 6a, insufflation device 11, and flap valve lever 12, and a proximal handle section 5 in the shape of a hemispherical knob

Docket No. 217395US25CIP

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ernesto E. BLANCO

SERIAL NO: 10/092,560

FILED: March 8, 2002

FOR: SAFETY TROCAR WITH PROGRESSIVE CUTTING TIP GUARDS AND GAS JET TISSUE DEFLECTOR

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is supplemental preliminary amendment in the above-identified application.


- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☐ Additional documents filed herewith: Marked-up Copy

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE		TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700 MAR 17 2003 RECEIVED CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	164	MINUS	107	57	x \$18	=	\$1,026.00
INDEPENDENT	40	MINUS	28	12	x \$84	=	\$1,008.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$280	=	\$0.00
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS					\$2,034.00
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity					(\$1,017.00)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Recordation of Assignment			+ \$40	=	\$0.00
		TOTAL					\$1,017.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of **\$1,017.00** is attached.
- ☐ Please charge any additional Fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.


Gregory J. Maier

Registration No. 25,599



22850

Customer Number 22850
Tel. (703) 413-3000
Fax. (703) 413-2220
(OSMMN 10/01)

James D. Hamilton

Registration No. 28,421